

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for verifying a fund's net asset value comprising:
  - receiving from a data provider, through an electronic interface, a first net asset value for a fund;
  - retrieving, over an electronic communications network, one or more historical net asset values for the fund from an electronic fund performance database;
  - comparing the first net asset value to one or more historical net asset values for the fund to obtain a variance that characterizes a difference between the first net asset value and the one or more historical net asset values;
  - when the variance is within a tolerance for the first net asset value, storing the first net asset value in the electronic fund performance database; and
  - when the variance is not within the tolerance for the first net asset value:
    - i) presenting, through the electronic interface, a plurality of preset explanations for the variance to the data provider;
    - ii) requiring the data provider to select one of the plurality of preset explanations for the variance;
    - iii) storing, in the electronic fund performance database, the first net asset value and the selected one of the plurality of preset explanations for the variance.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data provider is at least one of a third-party data provider or a fund manager.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the tolerance is user-modifiable.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the tolerance is a range of acceptable percentage variations.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the acceptable percentage variations are based on a month-end to month-end variation in at least one of the Dow Jones Industrial Average or the Standard and Poors 500.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the range of acceptable percentage variations is a range of between  $\pm 5\%$  and  $\pm 30\%$ .

7. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the range of acceptable percentage variations is determined relative to the one or more historical net asset values.

8. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the range of acceptable percentage variations is determined relative to the received net asset value.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the tolerance is a range of acceptable absolute variations.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the range of acceptable absolute variation is a range of between  $\pm \$100$  million and  $\pm \$2$  billion.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the tolerance is an asymmetrical range of acceptable variations.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a tolerance is determined individually for each one of a plurality of different funds owned by the customer.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the tolerance is adjusted according to a market condition.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of preset explanations for the variance includes at least one of asset transfers, benefit payments, incorrect prior month values, cash influxes, cash withdrawals, collateral NAV changes, contributions, conversions, closing of funds, merger of funds, supplied and client verified NAVs, derivative fluctuations, changes in security market value, expenses, fund mergers, holding accounts, liquidation of partial assets, new money from shareholders, creation of a new fund, shareholder distributions, shareholder redemptions, shareholder subscriptions, trading activities, favorable or unfavorable exchange rates, or valid zero asset balances.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the preset explanations are edited by an authorized user.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the first net asset value for the fund further comprises receiving at least one of a spreadsheet, a comma delimited file, or a tab delimited file that contains the first net asset value.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the first net asset value for the fund further comprises receiving a net asset value that is manually entered through a user interface.

18. (Previously Presented) A computer program product for verifying a fund's net asset value comprising:

a computer readable medium having stored thereon:

computer executable code for receiving from a data provider a first net asset value for a fund owned by a customer;

computer executable code for comparing the first net asset value to the one or more historical net asset values to obtain a variance that characterizes a difference between the first net asset value and the one or more historical net asset values;

computer executable code for storing the net asset value in the database when the variance is within a tolerance for the net asset value; and

computer executable code for, when the variance is not within the tolerance for the net asset value:

i) presenting, via the electronic interface, a plurality of preset explanations for the variance to the data provider,

ii) requiring the data provider to select one of the plurality of preset explanations for the variance; and

iii) storing the net asset value and the one of the plurality of preset explanations for the variance in the database.

19. (Previously Presented) A system for verifying a fund's performance comprising:  
means for receiving from a data provider a first net asset value for a fund;  
means for comparing the first net asset value to one or more historical net asset values for the fund to obtain a variance that characterizes a difference between the first net asset value and the one or more historical net asset values;

means for storing the first net asset value in a database when the variance is within a tolerance for the first net asset value; and

means for, when the variance is not within the tolerance for the first net asset value:

i) presenting a plurality of preset explanations for the variance to the data provider,

ii) requiring the data provider to select one of the plurality of preset explanations for the variance; and

iii) storing the net asset value and the one of the plurality of preset explanations in the database.

20. (Previously Presented) A system for verifying a fund's net asset value comprising:

a database having memory for storing financial data for one or more funds, the financial data for the one or more funds including one or more historical net asset values for the one or more funds;

a client device connected in a communicating relationship with a network, the client device receiving fund data relating to the one or more funds, the fund data including a new net asset value for at least one of the one or more funds;

a server connected in a communicating relationship with the database and the client device, the server receiving the fund data from the client device and executing a process to compare the new net asset value to the one or more historical net asset values, the process further configured to present a plurality of preset explanations for the variance to the client device when a variance between the new net asset value and the one or more historical net asset values exceeds a tolerance, and, when the tolerance is exceeded, further configured to store the new net asset value only when a selected one of the plurality of preset explanations for the variance has been received from the client device.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, the server further configured to present a user interface to a second client device, the user interface providing controls for adding, deleting, or modifying one of the plurality of preset explanations.

22. (Original) The system of claim 20, the server further configured to present a user interface to a second client device, the user interface providing controls for modifying the tolerance.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing to an end-user of a computer system a report that displays a change between the first net asset value and the one or more historical net asset values.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying to an end-user of a computer system a liquid asset value of the fund.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic interface is a computer terminal.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic interface is an electronic network connection.

28. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ computer program product of claim 18, wherein the electronic interface is a computer terminal.

29. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ computer program product of claim 18, wherein the electronic interface is an electronic network connection.